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1. On 20 September 1951, the restricted Weisse Stadt settlement at Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) was occupied by about 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Ten 76.2-mm guns were seen in a shed and 12 other guns of the same type in front of another shed. Model M-13 rocket launchers _____ were seen leaving the restricted area toward Germendorf. Trucks _____ were seen entering the military reservation. _____

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2. A shipment of five boxcars with ammunition, which arrived at the former concentration camp on 31 August, was _____ dispatched _____ in Finow. _____

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3. A Soviet major general was seen talking to several high-ranking officers, including a colonel of Rocket Launcher Unit Chesnakov, in the restricted Weisse Stadt area on 10 September. It was said that the colonel was the commanding officer of the rocket launcher unit, whereas Chesnakov (fnu) was only his deputy. _____

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4. The former Kayser factory was vacated by the Soviets on 20 September. It was to be taken over by the VEB Geraetebau on 1 October. _____ Trucks _____ carrying fully equipped soldiers and towing three 76.2-mm guns, left the Weisse Stadt area on 26 September. Some of the gun sheds in the restricted area were empty. Residents of Oranienburg said that troops were entrained on 26 September. _____

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